

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims pending:

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- After this Response: 1-8, 32-41, and 43-48

Currently Amended claims: 1, 8, 32, 37, 38, 43, and 46

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This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings:

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1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for providing audio and lyrical data to a user comprising:

receiving a user request to play an audio file;

15 identifying, based on the user request, a preferred language and a preferred sublanguage for displaying a lyric set associated with the audio file;

automatically searching a list of lyric sets associated with the audio file to determine whether the lyric set is available in the preferred language and the preferred sublanguage;

20 automatically selecting a preferred lyric set to be displayed in the preferred language and preferred sublanguage when the automatic searching indicates that the lyric set is available in the preferred language and the preferred sublanguage;

25 automatically selecting an alternate lyric set to be displayed based on a hierarchical list of language priorities provided by a lyric synchronization module when the automatic searching indicates that the lyric set is unavailable in the preferred language and the preferred sublanguage, the automatic selecting performed without user assistance;

playing the audio file and displaying the lyric set in the preferred language and the preferred sublanguage when the preferred lyric set is selected;

30 playing the audio file and displaying the alternate lyric set when the alternate lyric set is selected; and

providing a lyric editor that allows the user to add lyrics to an audio file and edit existing lyrics of the audio file configured to automatically convert at least one static lyric set associated with the audio file into a synchronized lyric set associated with the audio

file by automatically separating the static lyric set into multiple lyric segments and automatically associating a time code with each of the multiple lyric segments.

5 2. **(Previously Presented)** A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the alternate lyric set is contained in the audio file.

3. **(Previously Presented)** A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the alternate lyric set is stored separately from the audio file.

10 4. **(Previously Presented)** A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the alternate lyric set includes a plurality of lyric segments, and wherein each of the plurality of lyric segments is associated with a particular time period of the audio file.

15 5. **(Previously Presented)** A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the alternate lyric set includes a plurality of lyric segments and the audio file contains a plurality of time codes, wherein each of the plurality of time codes corresponds to a particular lyric segment.

20 6. **(Original)** A method as recited in claim 1 wherein a particular lyric segment is displayed during playback of the audio file based on a current time code.

7. **(Previously Presented)** A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the preferred sublanguage identifies a regional dialect of the preferred language.

25 8. **(Currently Amended)** One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to:

receive a user request to play an audio file;
identify, based on the user request, a preferred language and a preferred sublanguage for displaying a lyric set associated with the audio file;
30 automatically search a list of lyric sets associated with the audio file to determine whether the lyric set is available in the preferred language and the preferred sublanguage;

- automatically select a preferred lyric set to be displayed in the preferred language and preferred sublanguage when the automatic searching indicates that the lyric set is available in the preferred language and the preferred sublanguage;
- 5 automatically select an alternate lyric set to be displayed based on a hierarchical list of language priorities provided by a lyric synchronization module when the automatic searching indicates that the lyric set is unavailable in the preferred language and the preferred sublanguage, the automatic selecting performed without user assistance;
- play the audio file and display the lyric set in the preferred language and the preferred sublanguage when the preferred lyric set is selected;
- 10 play the audio file and display the alternate lyric set when the alternate lyric set is selected; and
- provide a lyric editor ~~that allows the user to add lyrics to an audio file and edit existing lyrics of the audio file configured to automatically convert at least one static lyric set associated with the audio file into a synchronized lyric set associated with the audio~~
- 15 ~~file by automatically separating the static lyric set into multiple lyric segments and automatically associating a time code with each of the multiple lyric segments.~~

9-31. (Canceled)

32. **(Currently Amended)** A method for providing audio and lyrical data to a user comprising:

receiving a user request to play an audio file;
identifying, based on the user request, a preferred language for displaying lyrics;
5 identifying an alternate language for displaying the lyrics when the lyric set is unavailable in the preferred language, the identifying the alternate language performed automatically based on a hierarchical list of language priorities provided by a lyric synchronization module and without user assistance;

10 playing the audio file and displaying associated lyric data in the preferred language if lyric data is available in the preferred language;

playing the audio file and displaying associated lyric data in the alternate language if lyric data is not available in the preferred language;

15 providing a lyric editor ~~that allows the user to add lyrics to an audio file and edit existing lyrics of the audio file configured to automatically convert at least one static lyric set associated with the audio file into a synchronized lyric set associated with the audio file by automatically separating the static lyric set into multiple lyric segments and automatically associating a time code with each of the multiple lyric segments.~~

20 33. **(Original)** A method as recited in claim 32 further comprising playing the audio file and displaying associated lyric data in English if lyric data is not available in the preferred language or the alternate language.

25 34. **(Original)** A method as recited in claim 32 wherein the lyric data is stored in the audio file.

35. **(Previously Presented)** A method as recited in claim 32 further comprising:

30 while playing the audio file, receiving a request to change the language of the lyrics being displayed;

automatically searching a list of lyric sets associated with the audio file to determine whether the lyric set is available in the requested language; and

displaying associated lyric data in the requested language when the automatic searching indicates that the lyric set is available in the requested language.

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36. (Original) A method as recited in claim 32 wherein playing the audio file and displaying associated lyric data includes:

playing the audio file;

determining a time code associated with a current playback location in the audio
10 file;

identifying a lyric segment associated with the time code; and

displaying the lyric segment until a different time code is reached.

37. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable memories
15 containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to:

receive a user request to play an audio file;

identify, based on the user request, a preferred language for displaying lyrics;

identify an alternate language for displaying the lyrics when the lyric set is unavailable in the preferred language, the identifying the alternate language performed
20 automatically based on a hierarchical list of language priorities provided by a lyric synchronization module and without user assistance;

play the audio file and display associated lyric data in the preferred language if lyric data is available in the preferred language;

play the audio file and display associated lyric data in the alternate language if
25 lyric data is not available in the preferred language;

provide a lyric editor ~~that allows the user to add lyrics to an audio file and edit existing lyrics of the audio file configured to automatically convert at least one static lyric set associated with the audio file into a synchronized lyric set associated with the audio file by automatically separating the static lyric set into multiple lyric segments and~~
30 automatically associating a time code with each of the multiple lyric segments.

38. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus for providing audio and lyrical data to a user comprising:

a processor; and

5 one or more computer storage media containing a computer program that is executable by the processor, the computer program including:

an audio player to play an audio file;

10 a language selection module to automatically search a list of lyric sets associated with the audio file to determine whether a lyric set is available in a preferred language, and to automatically identify an alternate lyric set to be displayed based on a hierarchical list of language priorities when the search by the language selection module indicates that the lyric set is unavailable in the preferred language, the automatic searching and automatic identifying performed without user assistance;

15 a lyric display module coupled to the audio player and the language selection module, the lyric display module to identify the alternate lyric set associated with the audio file, wherein the lyric display module displays the identified alternate lyric set synchronously with playing of the audio file; and

20 a lyric editor that allows the user to add lyrics to an audio file and edit existing lyrics of the audio file configured to automatically convert at least one static lyric set associated with the audio file into a synchronized lyric set associated with the audio file by automatically separating the static lyric set into multiple lyric segments and automatically associating a time code with each of the multiple lyric segments.

25 39. **(Previously Presented)** An apparatus as recited in claim 38 wherein the lyric display module displays different lyric segments of the alternate lyric set based on a portion of the audio file being played by the audio player.

30 40. **(Previously Presented)** An apparatus as recited in claim 38 wherein the alternate lyric set is stored in the audio file.

41. **(Original)** An apparatus as recited in claim 38 wherein the preferred language is stored separately from the audio file.

42. **(Canceled)**

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43. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus for providing audio and lyrical data to a user comprising:

a processor; and

one or more computer storage media containing a computer program that is

10 executable by the processor, the computer program including:

means for identifying an audio file to play based on a user request;

means for identifying a plurality of lyric segments associated with the audio file, wherein each lyric segment has an associated time code, and wherein the time codes identify periods of time during playback of the audio file;

15 means for identifying a preferred language and a preferred sublanguage for displaying lyrics, wherein the preferred sublanguage identifies a country/region dialect of the preferred language, wherein an alternate language is automatically selected without user assistance if lyric segments are not available in the preferred language and sublanguage;

20 means for playing the audio file and displaying a lyric segment that corresponds to the current time code; and

25 means for ~~allowing the user to add lyrics to an audio file and edit existing lyrics of the audio file automatically converting at least one static lyric set associated with the audio file into a synchronized lyric set associated with the audio file by automatically separating the static lyric set into multiple lyric segments and automatically associating a time code with each of the multiple lyric segments.~~

44. **(Previously Presented)** An apparatus as recited in claim 43 wherein the means for identifying a plurality of lyric segments identifies a plurality of lyric segments in the preferred sublanguage.

5 45. **(Original)** An apparatus as recited in claim 43 wherein the lyric segments are stored in the audio file.

46. **(Currently Amended)** One or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a computer program that, when executed by one or more processors, 10 causes the one or more processors to:

receive a user request to play an audio file;

identify a preferred language and a preferred sublanguage that identifies a country/region dialect of the preferred language in which to display lyrics associated with the audio file, wherein an alternate language is automatically identified without user 15 assistance if lyric segments are not available in the preferred language and sublanguage;

identify a plurality of lyric segments associated with the audio file, wherein each lyric segment has an associated time code, and wherein each time code identifies a time during playback of the audio file that a corresponding lyric segment is displayed;

play the audio file and display the corresponding lyric segments as the audio file 20 is played; and

provide a lyric editor ~~that allows the user to add lyrics to an audio file and edit existing lyrics of the audio file configured to automatically convert at least one static lyric set associated with the audio file into a synchronized lyric set associated with the audio file by automatically separating the static lyric set into multiple lyric segments and 25 automatically associating a time code with each of the multiple lyric segments.~~

47. **(Original)** One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 46 wherein the one or more processors further identify an alternate language if lyric 30 segments are not available in the preferred language.

48. (Original) One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 46 wherein the time code data is stored in the audio file.